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The system of Claim 82, wherein

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(a) a user

- (i) can edit and/or annotate
- (ii) certain portions of the visual information and captured audio and/or images.

**REMARKS**

This is a Rule 53 Continued Prosecution Application of Applicants' commonly assigned, copending Serial No. 08/661,530, filed June 11, 1996, for "SYNCHRONIZATION IN VIDEO CONFERENCING".

As discussed with the Examiner at the interview on Thursday, May 14, 1998, the claims presented in this Preliminary Amendment characterize the audio and/or video "conferences" as being associated and related to the data "conferences". Thus, there is a timing relationship between the creation of the audio/video and the generation of the data images *at the time of creation/generation*. This could, for example, occur when an audible voice coupled with a visual gesticulation are both directed to a computer-generated image displayed on the screen. Furthermore, when subsequently retrieved, the retrieved presentation accurately reproduces the related sights, sounds, and data of the original event.

This characterization of the invention in the new claims was agreed to for the purpose of more clearly pointing out and describing Applicants' invention, and not because of any art of record. It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Similarly, the cancellation of the claims and their replacement with new claims is for improvement in format and not in response to prior art.

If any issues remain unresolved despite the present amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney, Craig P. Opperman, at (650) 843-5000 to discuss these matters before issuing an Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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